and

COUNCIL MEMBERS ANNE FAUVER, CLAIR MULLER, HOWARD SHOOK, JIM MADDOX, CAESAR C. MITCHELL & H. LAMAR WILLIS

AN ORDINANCE TO DELETE SECTION 154-115 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA; SO AS TO DISCONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF INEQUITABLE BILLING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is responsible for the installation and reading of water meters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances Section 154-115 does not treat commercial and residential customers accounts the same; and

WHEREAS, this section has a negative impact on the revenues collected by the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the section does not provide an incentive to conservation and creates complications in the billing process for the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Watershed Management is in favor of this section being deleted from the Code of Ordinance so as to provide for a more equitable way of billing all customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That Section 154-115 be deleted in its entirety from the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta.

**SECTION 2**: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby waived.

## Sec. 154-115. Residential customers served through single meter.

If more than one house, apartment or condominium living unit is allowed on one meter, one rate will be charged while the project is under construction; but as soon as any part of the building is occupied, the water service charge will be made on the basis of a minimum service charge for each house, apartment or condominium living unit. The charge for water consumption in excess of the minimum allowed will be computed on the adopted rate schedule based on each unit having used consumption within each range on the billing scale.

(Code 1977, §§ 9-4082, 9-7006; Ord. No. 1998-87, § 36, 12-10-98)